

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2932 - SB 3122

February 1, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires local boards of education to adopt policies authorizing teachers to remove a student from the classroom for disciplinary reasons and to refer the student to the principal or the principal's designee. Requires the principal or principal's designee to respond to teacher referrals with appropriate disciplinary action consistent with local board policy and the student code of conduct. Directs the local board policy to require filing of the incident report with the principal and maintenance of the report in the student's disciplinary file. Specifies that the report will not become part of the student's permanent record unless the behavior conflicts with zero tolerance policy or results in suspension or expulsion from school. Requires a principal or designee to inform the teacher of the disciplinary action taken. Prohibits a principal from returning a student to the same classroom on the same day of the incident without the teacher's consent. Prohibits return of a student removed from the classroom three times without the teacher's consent. Requires the director of schools to review the record and make a determination of appropriate action when the teacher does not consent to the student's return. Requires principals to support the authority of teachers to remove students from their classrooms. Requires that policies and procedures be given to students, faculty, staff, and parents or guardians and that the policies comply with applicable state and federal laws.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Local boards of education will develop these policies within existing resources without an increase in personnel or a reduction in other budget items.
- No student will be permanently removed from a classroom for an offense that would not warrant permanent removal under current LEA policies.
- LEAs will adapt current policies to include any new requirements not currently practiced. Any increase in local expenditures will be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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